



# MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## THE CHARLES H. BULLOCK SCHOOL

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*Principal*

### Principal's Weekly Update

September 29, 2023

Dear Families and Caregivers,

We had our first whole school morning meeting. Once a month, we gather to celebrate what we've been learning and highlight themes throughout the year. Today was bittersweet as we said, "Farewell," to our beloved head custodian. Mr. Edwards has been the head custodian for CHB since we opened. He is the reason our building continues to look and run like a new building. All classes presented a poster for him with well wishes, along with the PTA's (your) donation and recognition plaque. Please be sure to ask your child about the RESPECT dance done in his honor.

**Week of Respect:** Each school year, the Montclair Public School District recognizes the Week of Respect during the first week in October. The purpose of the Week of Respect is to teach students how to respect others, respect differences, our school, our community, and ourselves, as well as how to prevent harassment, intimidation, and bullying situations. The Week of Respect also emphasizes the importance of character education and teaches students strategies on how to be compassionate, thoughtful, caring people in and outside of school. There are lessons your child will participate in all week, and we would like to add some spirit to it. Please follow the Spirit Week ideas on the attached flyer.

**Tie-Dye Day: Friday, October 6th** is our Tie-Dye day. Remember to send in a white t-shirt for your child. If you've signed up to volunteer, first, thank you, and do not worry about weather. If it is raining, we are prepared to proceed in the gym. A tip from last year: the longer you let the dye soak before washing, the more vibrant the colors on the t-shirt.

**SEPAC:** Did you know, Montclair has a Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)? The CHB liaisons are Victoria Lamberth ([victoria.h.lamberth@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.h.lamberth@gmail.com)) and Carolyn Corbran ([carolyn.corbran@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.corbran@gmail.com)). If you have a child with special needs at Bullock, and would like to be connected with other families at Bullock or around the district, please reach out to Victoria and Carolyn. Currently, SEPAC is looking for feedback from families who are currently using our programs across the district. Please consider taking this short, anonymous, [survey](#) for feedback on programming offered here at CHB and any other comments or concerns you have about special education in the Montclair Public School District

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**5th Grade Food Drive:** The 5th-grade classes will hold a school-wide donation drive for Toni's Kitchen. They will be collecting items through October 23rd. Donation bins will be available in the front lobby. Please consider helping the 5th grade support Toni's Kitchen by donating the following items:

**Food:** Cereal, Tuna, Shelf Stable Milk, Snacks, Breakfast items (oatmeal, cereal bars, etc.), Pasta, Pasta Sauce (no glass jars, please), Rice, Peanut Butter (no glass jars, please), Soup, Nuts, Dried Fruit, Canned Beans

**Toiletries:** Deodorant, Toothpaste, Bodywash/Soap

\*PLEASE NO COSTCO SIZE ITEMS\*

**FREE Health Services:** Did you know that the District offers FREE Health Services at our community schools – Hillside and Glenfield in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center? The clinics are open on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6 PM and provide free medical services and lectures on current topics such as emotional wellness, dental hygiene, diabetes, and more. Read more about these services on the [website](#). See [schedule and more details](#).

**Looking ahead:**

**Monday, October 9: Professional Development - Schools Closed For Students**

**Tuesday, October 17: Picture Day**

**Wednesday, Oct. 25 & Thursday, Oct. 26: Abbreviated Day For Students (Elementary PD)**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest regards,



Nami Kuwabara  
Principal